

Noble Revenge

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The noblest form of revenge is to forgive and return good for evil, just as God does.

Scripture: Proverbs 20:22, Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:35, Romans 12:21, Ephesians 4:32

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Description

John Henry Jowett preaches on the noble act of delivering kindness to enemies, drawing inspiration from Psalm 7:4. He emphasizes that responding to evil with good is godly, while repaying evil with evil is beast-like. Returning good for good is a manly act, but showing kindness in the face of evil is God-like, reflecting the character of Christ and elevating us to heavenly places.

Transcript

"_I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy._"

--PSALM vii. 4.

That is the noblest revenge, and in those moments David had intimate knowledge of the spirit of his Lord. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him!"

Evil for good is devil-like. To receive a favour and to return a blow!

To obtain the gift of language, and then to use one's speech to curse the giver! To use a sacred sword is unholy warfare! All this is devil-like.

Evil for evil is beast-like. Yes, the dog bites back when it is bitten.

The dog returns snarl for snarl, venom for venom. And if, when I have been injured, I "pay a man back in his own coin," if I "give him as good as he gave," I am living on the plane of the beast.

Good for good is man-like. When I requite a man's kindness by kindness!

When I send presents to one who loads me with benefits! This is a true and

manly thing to do, and lifts us far above the beast.

Good for evil is God-like. Yes, that lifts me into "the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Then I have "the mind of Christ." Then do I unto others as my Saviour has done unto me.

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